(c) what steps Government have taken to avoid such incidents in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) On 7.8.90 at 6.45 hrs. No. 4738 Down Bikaner Express train dashed against a Matador van carrying school children at an unmanned level crossing gate between Nindhar Benar and Dahar-ka-Balaji stations on Jaipur Division of Western Railway. As a result, 10 school children and the driver of the matador were killed and 20 children sustained injuries.

(c) Some of the important steps taken to avoid such incidents are:—

(i) provision of whistle boards and rumble strips/speed breakers and road signs at the approaches of level crossings.

(ii) improving visibility at level crossings for road users and train drivers.

(iii) educative campaigns through public media including Doordarshan and Radio to educate road users on the precautions to be taken at level crossings.

(iv) Joint checks in co-ordination with the State Governments to enforce provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Supply of Drinking Water in Saline Areas

2021. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had solved the drinking water problem of Saline area in the coastal districts of States like West Bengal, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh,

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government had received any financial and technical assistance from Denmark in this regard;

(d) if so, the terms of agreement made with the Denmark Government in this regard;

(e) the States where Danish International Development Agency has started the work of supplying drinking water in rural areas; and

(f) by when the above work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) All the problem villages of West Bengal, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh have been covered fully or partially with safe drinking water facilities. As on 1.4.90, there were 1320 'No Source' problem villages in Orissa, 99 in Gujarat and 18 in Tamil Nadu in the saline areas which have spilled over to 8th Plan. Out of 130 desalination plants being set up in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra, Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Lakshadweep, 70 plants have already been commissioned as on 31st July, 1990. The remaining plants are likely to be commissioned by the end of December, 1990.

(b) The residual problem villages in the above States could not be provided drinking water facilities by the end of the 7th Plan due to difficult terrain, lack of physical infrastructure, adequate financial resouces etc. All these problem villages will be provided safe drinking water facilities by 31.3.1991.

(c) No financial and technical assistance has been received from Denmark for desalination plants.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Drinknig water supply projects are being executed with assistance

from Danish International Development Agency in the State of Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Tamil Nadu.

(f) As per the existing agreements, the drinking water supply projects are likely to be completed by 1993-94 in Kerala/Tamil Nadu and June, 1991 in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. The term of the present agreement for drinking water supply project in Orissa is upto December, 1990.

Discharge of Ammonia from Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

2022. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the discharge of ammonia gas from the chimney of the newly commissioned captive power plant of Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) has created problems to the people residing in that area;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any precautionary measures in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Ammonia is not used in the commissioning of the captive power plant and there was no discharge of ammonia from the chimney of the power plant.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production in Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

2023. SHRI BASUDEB MOHA PATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production in the Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. has been seriously affected following go-slow by the workers engaged in the bagging plant of the unit;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of workers engaged in the bagging plant of this unit and the method of payment the workers; and

(d) what are the reasons that Government are not regularising services of the casual labourers engaged by contractors in the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) The plant is not working at full capacity due to low out put by the contract labour engaged in the bagging plant.

(b) This is mainly because of rivalry between various groups of the workers of the bagging plant to gain control over the Union.

(c) The number of workers engaged by the contractor depends on the work-load, and payment is linked to the tonnage handled.

(d) Under the contracting system, the casual laourers are employed by the contractors and not by Paradeep Phosphates Limited.

Increase in Jhuggi Jhounpris in Delhi

2024 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a mushroom growth of Jhuggi Jhounpris everywhere in Delhi in the last couple of years; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to stop the growth of slums in New Delhi areas which is posing health problems?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) There is no evidence to know